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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT OFFER

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1. DURING AMBASSADOR HANDLEY'S CALL ON U PYI SOE AND OTHER GUB OFFICIALS (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT), U PYI SOE STATED THAT GUB RESPONSE TO OUR NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT OFFER WOULD BE AFFIRMATIVE AND THAT U.S. TEAM WOULD BE WELCOME. THERE YET REMAIN TO BE APPROVED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY FINAL TOUCHES BUT WE SHOULD HAVE FORMAL ANSWER BY NEXT WEEK (WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER KYAW SOE RETURNS FROM UPCOUNTRY) OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

2. AMBASSADOR HANDLEY EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THIS NEWS, AND CLEARLY MADE POINT THAT WE EXPECTED THAT ANY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED WOULD BE USED FOR NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION PURPOSES. PYI SOE ASSENTED, AND IFG FACT PLAYED BACK THE SAME WORDS TO AMBASSADOR HANDLEY

3. PYI SOE ALSO STATED THAT GUB WAS DOING GREAT DEAL IN NARCOTICS

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FIELD, AND OLLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS BEING "BROAD-

ENED IN SCOPE", BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

4. PYI SOE REVERTED BRIEFLY TO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING INITIAL ROUND OF TALKS IN APRIL 1972 AND STATED THAT THIS WAS NO LONGER NEEDED SINCE IT WAS BEING OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

5. CHARGE' TOUCHED OBLIQUELY ON POSSIBLE SITUATION FOLLOWING INCREASED BURMESE/THAI ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICERS, SUGGESTING THAT FURTHER GUB/RTG COOPERATION IN "NO-MAN'S LAND" ALONG BORDER AREA MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. PYI SOE DID NOT RESPOND EXCEPT TO SAY THAT GUB HAD BEEN SEEKING RTG COOPERATION SINCE 1954 (SIC) BUT ONUS LAY ON THAI SIDE.

6. COMMENT: HANDLEY VISIT MOST TIMELY, AND HIS NON-PRESSURE CO-OPERATIVE APPROACH TO GUB OFFICIALS ENCOURAGED THEM TO SPEAK OPENLY AND AFFIRMATIVELY. LACEY UNQTE KISSINGER

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